

Congressman Childers Encourages Students to Participate in Congressional Art Competition

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Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Travis Childers (MS-01) is encouraging high school students in Mississippi's First Congressional District to participate in the 2010 Congressional Art Competition. The annual competition provides young constituents with an opportunity for their artistic talents to be recognized and showcased in our nation's capital. All entries must be submitted by Friday, May 7, 2010.

"The Congressional Art Competition promotes community involvement and is a great way for our young constituents to showcase their artistic talents," said Childers. "I encourage high school students from throughout Mississippi's First Congressional District to participate by submitting their entries before the May 7th deadline, and I look forward to seeing their artwork at the Gum Tree Museum next month.

The competition will be held at the Gum Tree Museum of Art in Tupelo on Saturday, May 15, 2010, and will feature two-dimensional artwork by First District high school students judged by an independent panel.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition. The winner will be awarded a trip to Washington, D.C. for a reception with the Congressman and the unveiling of their artwork, will have their artwork displayed in a high-traffic area of the U.S. Capitol, and will be eligible for a \$1,500 per year scholarship to a prestigious art college.

For more information on the Congressional Art Competition and the guidelines for submission, visit Congressman Childers' website by [clicking here](#), or ask to speak with Natalie Montalvo in Childers' Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4306.

*A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit [w
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